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City Council Unanimously Approves Additional Reed Reform Measures

SAN JOSE – The San José City Council has unanimously approved two additional government reform measures, increasing the number of Mayor Chuck Reed’s “Reed Reforms” approved to date to 25.

Reed Reform 19 called for plugging loopholes in the City’s campaign financing ordinance that made it possible to contribute unlimited amounts of money in the form of paid campaign workers. It was passed unanimously by the Council on March 25.

“San Jose tightened the rules that govern paying employees to work on political campaigns. In the past, an employer could pay staff to walk precincts or work on phone banks, and those campaign activities wouldn’t count as campaign contributions,” said Mayor Reed. “This action brings additional transparency to the campaign process.”

The City Council also increased the number of times each year that all elected officials must report the fundraising that they have done for their own or other individual’s political campaigns as well as for non-profits and other organizations. Going forward, Councilmembers and the Mayor will be required to disclose their fundraising activity quarterly.

On April 1 at 9 a.m., the Rules and Open Government Committee will hold a study session to consider several items related to the City’s Sunshine Ordinance.

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